



Montana is on the Move!

ENERGY DEVELOPMENT & JOBS CREATION



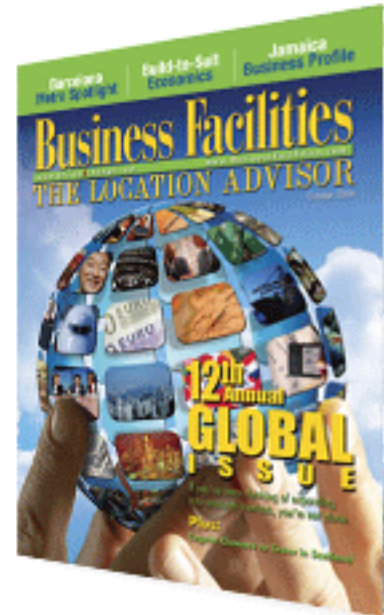
Governor Schweitzer's aggressive energy and economic development agenda is bearing fruit for Montana.

After a spotty past in which Montana was often not considered a good place for major industrial investment, the state is now on the agenda for all kinds of investments in energy production, infrastructure and manufacturing.

Jobs are being created at a record pace—over 1500 per month. Energy production is up, including 50% growth in oil production. Permits for energy activity are either completed, under review or being prepared for submission to the state. Interest in energy infrastructure and manufacturing is high.

Montana means jobs.

- Montana is the 7th fastest growing economy in the U.S. for the past 3 years
- Montana's 2006 unemployment rates were the lowest ever recorded for the state
- Montana's May unemployment rate of 2.3% was the lowest in the nation
- Montana is ranked as having the 8th most favorable business tax climate
- Montana has the 9th lowest combined state and local tax burden



Business Facilities
magazine rates
Montana
#1 in the nation
for its pro-business
climate!



Montanans have a jobs.

In 2006, a record **478,162** Montanans were working.

Record Average Monthly Job Growth

1989-1992.....802	Stephens Administration
1993-2000.....990	Racicot Administration
2001-2004.....770	Martz Administration
2005-2006.....1,534	Schweitzer Administration



Montana is helping address America's energy needs here at home.

Montana has increased our oil production nearly 50% in the past two years. In 2004 Montana produced 24,711,630 barrels of oil and in 2006 Montana produced 50% more at 36,215,772 barrels of oil.

Record High Oil Production

Year	Barrels of Oil Produced
2004	24,711,630
2005	32,779,893
2006	36,215,772



Montana is keeping the lights on... and making our future brighter.

In Montana, electrical generation capacity has increased by over 300 mega-watts since 2004, more new capacity than the previous 16 years combined.

New Power Generation

2006	Basin Creek	54.9 MW
2006	Hardin.....	115.7 MW
2006	Judith Gap	135.0 MW
2005	Horseshoe Bend	9.0 MW
Total capacity increase		314.6 MW



Governor Schweitzer and his administration have advanced significant energy-related projects that will help fuel economic growth in areas “outside the boot,” where economic growth has been absent for many decades, including:

- Finalizing a permit for the \$140 million Montana-Alberta Tie Line (MATL) that will trigger the 300Mw McCormick Ranch Wind Farm between Cut Bank and Shelby.
- Finalizing a permit for a railroad spur into the Bull Mountain Mine near Roundup that will allow major expansions of coal production in that area and open the area for new advanced coal projects.
- Permitted the Southern Montana Electric (SME) power plant near Great Falls (254Mw) to provide stable power to five Montana electrical co-ops.



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- Working with Great Northern Properties (GNP) to advance a permit for a new coal mine in the Nelson Creek area west of Circle, also opening the door for advanced coal projects in that area.
- Pre-permit discussions are underway with two additional power transmission lines and three power plants, including two upgrades.
- Passed major legislation in both 2005 and 2007 to provide incentives for “clean and green” energy development.



“As folks around the nation look to Montana as a place to relocate or expand their business, they are telling me their reasons: we have been rated in the top states for our low cost of doing business, our low state and local tax burden and overall business tax climate.

Montana is on the Move! *We are prepared to host growth in the energy sector and I have dedicated my administration to smoothing the way for that kind of development.”*